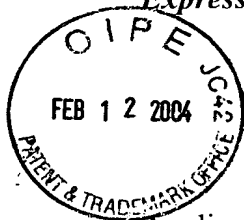


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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS
FOR SECURING A
DISHWASHER DOOR

Art Unit: 3677

Examiner: Lugo, Carlos

PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP
(37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a))

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This Amendment and Petition is to correct the incorrect naming of inventors in the declaration under C.F.R. 1.48(a) as set forth and filed on January 11, 2002.

1. Please add the following previously unnamed person as an inventor of this application: Manish Bipin Talati.

2. Attached is:

a statement from each person being added as an inventor that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intent on his or her behalf (37 C.F.R. 1.48(a)(2));

a declaration executed by each of the actual inventors: *Gregory Owen Miller (2 pgs.); Christopher Raymond Geisen (3 pgs.); Wenfeng Lu (3 pgs.); and Mainish Bipin Talati (3 pgs.)* as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.63 (37 C.F.R. 1.48(a)(3));

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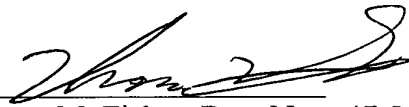
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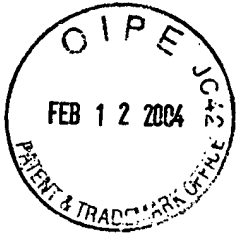
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3. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a)(4), an authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the fee set forth in C.F.R. 1.17(i) in the amount of \$130.00 is submitted herewith (A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed). If any additional fees are required, charge Account No. 01-2384.

Respectfully submitted,



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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP

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Assignee, General Electric Company, 1 River Road, Schenectady, New York, 12345 (a New York Corporation) through the undersigned, who is authorized to act on behalf of Assignee, hereby consents to the correction of inventorship filed herewith. Submitted herewith is a copy of an assignment establishing the Assignee's right to take action in the case.

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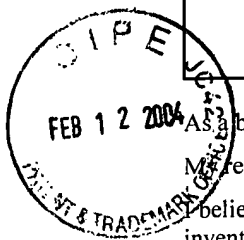
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This statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a) is submitted to add Manish Bipin Talata as an additional inventor in Patent Application Serial No. 09/682,687, filed October 26, 2001. This inventorship error occurred without deceptive intent on my part.

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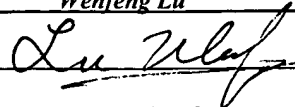
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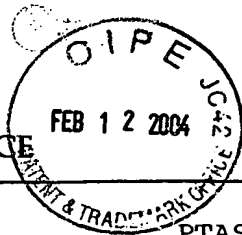
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In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, of which we acknowledge receipt, we, **GREGORY OWEN MILLER** of 1514 Sylvan Wynde, Louisville, KY 40205, **CHRISTOPHER RAYMOND GEISEN** of 8119 Bohannon Station Road, Louisville, KY 40291 and **WENFENG LU** of 5884 West Fountain Circle, Mason, OH 45040, sell and assign to General Electric Company, a New York Corporation, (hereinafter referred to as "Company"), its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the improvements in **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR SECURING A DISHWASHER DOOR**, invented by us, as described in the application for the United States patent filed **October 26, 2001**, S.N. **09/682,877**, and any and all applications for patent and patents therefor in any and all countries, including all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and authorize and request any official whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue any patent on said improvements or resulting therefrom to said Company, or its successors or assigns and agree that on request and without further consideration, but at the expense of said Company, we will communicate to said Company or its representatives or nominees any facts known to us respecting said improvements and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

January 2, 2002

GREGORY OWEN MILLER

STATE OF Kentucky)
County of Jefferson) ss.

This 2nd day of January, 2002, before me personally came the above-named **Gregory Owen Miller**, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing Assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

My commission expires:

Linda S. Chesson
Notary Public

Sept. 11, 2003

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Christopher Raymond Geisen
CHRISTOPHER RAYMOND GEISEN

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WENFENG LU

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This _____ day of _____, 20____, before me personally came the above-named **Wenfeng Lu**, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing Assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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WENFENG LU

STATE OF Ohio)

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This 10th day of January, 20 02, before me personally came the above-named **Wenfeng Lu**, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing Assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

My commission expires:

Notary Public

12/2/2004

MARIE M. FEHL
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